

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

- 1-23. (canceled)
24. (new) An isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from:
- (a) amino acids 1 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6;
 - (b) amino acids 2 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6;
 - (c) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038; and
 - (d) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038 excepting the N-terminal methionine.
25. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (a).
26. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (b).
27. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (c).
28. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (d).
29. (new) A fusion protein comprising the isolated I-FLICE polypeptide of claim 24 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
30. (new) The fusion protein of claim 29, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

31. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated.
32. (new) A composition comprising the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 and a carrier.
33. (new) An I-FLICE-2 protein produced by the method comprising:
(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24; and
(b) recovering said I-FLICE-2 protein from the host cell culture.
34. (new) An I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from:
(a) amino acids 1 to 75 of SEQ ID NO:6;
(b) amino acids 76 to 252 of SEQ ID NO:6; and
(c) amino acids 253 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6.
35. (new) An I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising a first amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a second amino acid sequence selected from:
(a) amino acids 1 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6; and
(b) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038;
wherein said I-FLICE-2 polypeptide inhibits TNFR-1 and CD-95 induced apoptosis.
36. (new) The I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (a).
37. (new) The I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (b).
38. (new) A fusion protein comprising the isolated I-FLICE polypeptide of claim 35 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

39. (new) The fusion protein of claim 38, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.
40. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated.
41. (new) A composition comprising the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 and a carrier.
42. (new) An I-FLICE-2 protein produced by the method comprising:
- (a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35; and
 - (b) recovering said I-FLICE-2 protein from the host cell culture.